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SOME HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS OF
SPECIAL INTEREST

ORANGE high school has recently received a liberal appropriation for the purpose of erecting a new school building. Orange reports a flourishing school orchestra, as well as a successful school paper, *The Midget*, both of which have been a great inspiration to the student body during the past session.

WHITMELL high school has recently staged several very successful plays, which have been presented in near-by cities. Whitmell has devised some novel methods of improving the appearance of the school grounds, accomplishing the ends in view by competitive team work. By a purely voluntary movement the students have organized themselves into a democracy, the school-community, and are conducting themselves in accord with a civic creed, self-devised, but embodying the highest principles of government.

MOUNT JACKSON and NEW MARKET high schools, in the county of Shenandoah, and EAGLE ROCK and TROUTVILLE, in Botetourt county, have recently been added to the list of accredited high schools in the State.

TOM'S BROOK is planning for a junior high school next year.

TIMBERVILLE, in Rockingham county, will be placed on the accredited list of high schools with the opening of its first nine-months session next year.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE N. E. A. AT CLEVELAND, FEBRUARY, 1920.

"We re-affirm our endorsement of a Department of Education with a Secretary of Education in the President's Cabinet and generous appropriations by Congress to aid and encourage the States in the promotion of education, with the express provisions that federal aid shall not imply federal control or supervision of education, and that education in all its phases shall be organized, supervised, and administered exclusively by state and local educational authorities established by state laws as provided in the Smith-Towne bill now pending in the Sixty-sixth Congress."

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EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

A NEW VIRGINIA HISTORY

On May 4th the State Board of Education adopted for use in the public schools of the State a New Virginia History from the pen of Dr. John W. Wayland, Head of the Department of History and Social Sciences, of the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg. Those who have read the manuscript of this book feel that Dr. Wayland has made a notable contribution to the education of Virginia youth.

NEW DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

The State Board of Education at a recent meeting announced the appointment of the following Division Superintendents:

R. M. Williams, Nansemond County.

T. J. McIlwaine, Prince Edward County.

J. H. Brent, Hampton and Elizabeth City County.

W. E. Kidd, Nelson County.

A NEW PHILANTHROPY

(From a daily newspaper.)

Teachers Are Allotted Bonus

New York, May 4.—Each of the 270 school teachers and supervisors in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn has been allotted a bonus of \$100 by the American Manufacturing Company, for faithful attention to the children of the company's employees.

NEW YORK HEADS THE LIST

New York seemed a laggard in the matter of meeting teacher emergency, but by the unanimous passage of the Lockwood-Donohue Bill New York City is to head the list in the salary that it pays its elementary school teachers. The important provisions of its salary scale are as follows:

Elementary Teachers, Kindergarten to seventh grade, minimum \$1,500, maximum, \$2,875.

From the seventh to ninth grades inclusive, minimum \$1,900, maximum \$3,250.

Assistant Principals, \$3,600.

Principals of Elementary Schools, maximum \$4,750.

Teachers in High Schools, \$1,900 to \$3,700.

First Assistants in High Schools, \$3,200 to \$4,200.

High School Principals, \$5,500 to \$6,000.

SAMUEL GOMPERS AND EDUCATION

Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is quoted as supporting the Lockwood-Donohue Bill and as saying in a letter to Governor Smith of New York:

"Whatever may be the source from which the funds are derived, it is not open to dispute that the schools must be kept going and the children taught by competent teachers. The alternative is unthinkable."

VIRGINIA IN THE PROCESSION

Wherever constitutional limitations are not interfering Virginia communities are making splendid efforts to adjust teachers' salaries to the new order of things financial. Normal school graduates are being offered salaries far in advance of the beginning salaries ever offered before. What the State needs now is more teachers of native ability and adequate professional training.

COMMENCEMENT ADVICE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The long-looked-for commencement is at hand. The school principal, the division superintendent, and the invited speaker are planning to map out the future destinies of the high school graduate. Now seems to be the

time of all times to point those young people to the avenue of individual advancement and social service presented by the need of the State for competent teachers in its public schools.

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WITH THE CURRENT MAGAZINES

MR. MCADOO'S GOOD WORD FOR AMERICAN TEACHERS

One presidential candidate, Mr. McAdoo, in a recent speech as reported by *The Literary Digest*, has taken a decided stand supported by strong statements in favor of higher salaries for the school teachers of the nation. This report adds interest to *The Digest's* unofficial poll of the nation's political attitude, in that Mr. McAdoo this week heads the list giving the number of votes for prospective candidates on the Democratic ticket.

THE TEACHER'S BACCALAUREATE

In the last *Teachers College Record* Fletcher Harper discusses a possible sequence composed of distinctive professional degrees suitable for those whose aim is to become teachers and who have made definite preparation for their chosen profession by pursuing studies in education. He also gives interesting historical facts relating to the conferring of degrees.

SEVEN TIPS I HAVE PICKED UP BY THE WAY

Bud Fisher, the creator and daily inspiration of "Mutt and Jeff," writes in entertaining fashion for *The American Magazine* for May some practical deductions from his experiences of life and labor which have resulted in making him one of the best known and highest paid men who ever drew a picture. Among the "tips" which will fit any profession are: "Decide upon your objective. Decide to sacrifice present comfort for future success. Create and develop something for which there is a demand."

LATIN REDIVIVUS

Advocates of the study of Latin in the schools will be encouraged by a contributor